



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -1.90, down 1.7 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for conventional shell eggs declined over the past week ahead of the traditional retail push for Easter. Demand is expected to rise as consumers take advantage of holiday-related promotions for their last minute holiday preparations. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are on the decline as supplies are more than adequate to cover current needs and offerings are on the rise. Trading is slowing. Prices for loose eggs continue their retreat as offerings are more than adequate for current needs. the pace of trading is increasing. Prices for breaking stock are moving lower as offerings are on the rise in the spot market and supplies are adequate supplies. Trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a moderate level of retail featuring and the average ad price is higher.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (327,930,441), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), Productive table egg layer flock (323,020,656).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (81.3%), Total egg production (262,625,829), Total eggs into breaking stock (71,278,046), Table eggs for in-shell use (191,347,784), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (531,522).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

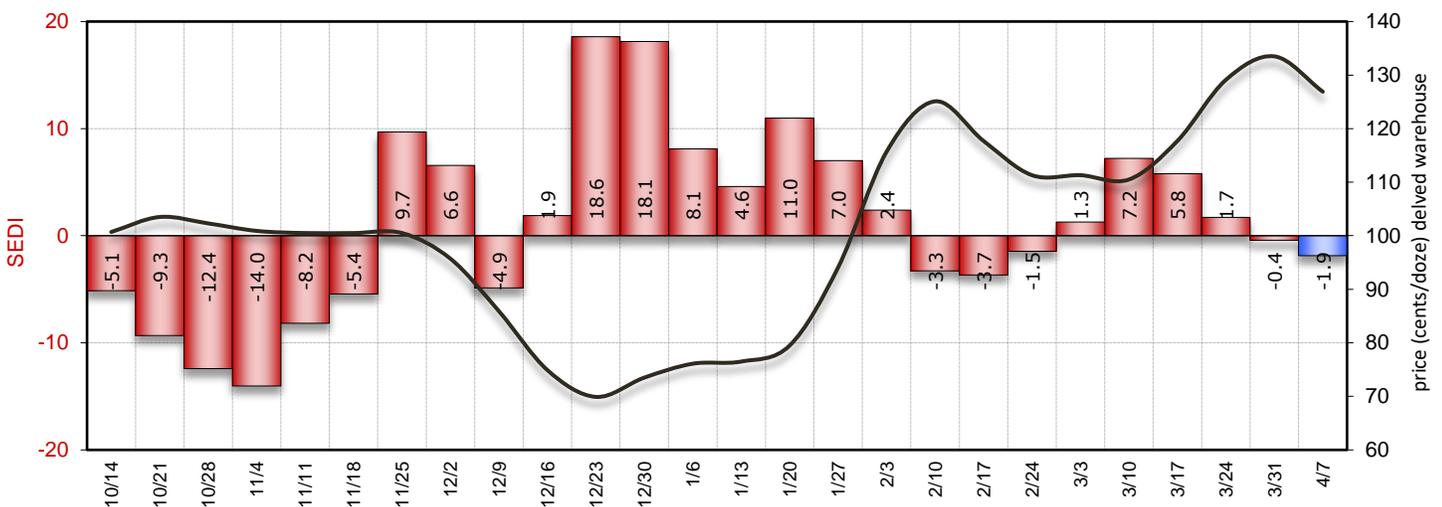
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,618,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (334,859), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.74), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.83).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-1.90 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type; USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon); USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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